

OPTIONAL PRE-CONVENTION TOUR : ABEL TASMAN SEA SHUTTLES

Wednesday 30 April 2025 (1 day before convention)

Cost:

- Return Sea Shuttle Bus Rutherford to Kaiteriteri: \$30.00 pp
- Boat Trip: \$140.00 pp for less than 50 people (\$80.00 for 50 people or more)

Itinerary

7.45.am Depart Rutherford Hotel

9.00.am Arrive Kaiteriteri and board Boat “ The Innovator”

1st stop Split Apple Rock

2nd stop Adele Island (fur seals) (stay on boat)

3rd stop Anchorage (birds, bush and other wild life)

10.00.am Arrive Anchorage

- Walk to Pitt Head via the loop track and golden sands of Te Pukatea Bay 3.2km Easy (1.5 hours)
- Walk to Cleopatra’s Pool - natural rockpools by the Torrent River (tide dependant - see below for alternative high tide route) 6.3 km return moderately challenging

(3 hours return)

Located between Anchorage and Torrent Bay, the ethereal Cleopatra's Pools are accessible via a slight detour along the Abel Tasman Coast Track. You can save some time at low tide by cutting through the Torrent Bay estuary, or you can take the slightly more scenic high tide track through native bush and around the lagoon's edge along a good DOC track. During low tides, you can walk directly across the estuary to Torrent Bay in about 20 minutes and to Cleopatra’s pool in about an hour. The high-tide [Abel Tasman track](#) goes around the estuary and takes around 1 to 1.5 hours one way. **As the high tide is 11.00 am it will be possible to walk back across the estuary.**

It is planned that a botanist will join the walks so that people can be shown the diversity of plants in this region.

Back

4.00.pm Leave Anchorage

4.30.pm Arrive Kaiteriteri

Out

Sunset 5.30pm

6.00.pm Depart Kaiteriteri

7.00.pm Arrive Rutherford

NB boat can drop-off or pickup at Te Pukatea Bay and Anchorage.

- The Innovator has a café with hot drinks and snacks available as well as a viewing platform.
- Packed lunches will be available to collect on the bus